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Epigraph

"Through the eyes of the world, I believed I saw all things, yet I now understand that I saw nothing. For now I see through the eyes of Christ and with the sight of the Holy Spirit, and in this new vision I finally see the world as it truly is. Vanity, vanity, vanity—everything I once pursued was vanity, for we have become chasers of the flesh, which is here today and gone tomorrow, when we should be chasing the things of eternity that sit with Christ in the life to come, for these will last forever. I pray that my heart is changed to pursue the things of God, for what belongs to Him is permanent and everlasting, while the time we spend in this world is only a season."

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+NOT IN VAIN+

“To those who believe shall receive this Truth: Jesus’ death on the cross for our salvation shall not go in vain. Many will reject Christ as their Lord and Savior, not knowing He is their only hope to inherit His Kingdom (Heaven). It is through repentance and our faith in Christ that the beginning of our salvation is found. Death will surely call all of us to our grave. On that day, it will be a day of Divine Judgment—a judgment on the horizon where we will all stand before the Lord, recognizing all of our sinful and regrettable past deeds. There will be only one name, and one name alone, who can save us from this eternal damnation. Jesus Christ is that name, and there is no other name that exists before Him, with Him, or after Him. There are no other gods that exist who can deliver us from the hands of the one and only True God in Heaven. It is Christ who is God in Heaven, and who was God in the flesh, who redeemed all of mankind from sin by His death on the cross because of the love and grace He has for us. Christ desires to keep us from eternal suffering, offering instead the gift of eternal life in Heaven.”

— Mandale Powell

+NOT IN VAIN+

> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life
>
> — John 3:16

+PRIVATE FAITH+

“Many of you say that “Your faith is private.” ”

But Christ says that those who confess His name publicly—Jesus Christ—
He will confess them publicly in Heaven before His Father.

— Mandale Powell

+PRIVATE FAITH+

“Whosoever Therefore Shall Confess Me Before Men, Him Will I Confess Also Before My Father Which Is In Heaven”

— Matthew 10:32

+DECONSTRUCT+

> Many of you deconstruct the Bible because you don't agree with everything it says. That is because you are reading Scripture through the lens of personal opinion and not through the lens of the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit does not deconstruct His own words.
>
> — Mandale Powell

+DECONSTRUCT+

> Every Word Of God Is Pure... Do Not Add To His Words, Lest He Rebuke You, And You Be Found A Liar.
>
> — Proverbs 30:5-6

+DEEPEST LOVE+

“If I say to you, my dear friend, that we must love our Lord with all our heart and obey His commands, why do you believe that I—who considers obeying the Lord’s commands—am trying to pursue works for my salvation? Do you not know salvation was given to you at the cross? Do you not love the Lord with all your heart, that you would do the things He loves? Or is it that the things He loves require too much of you?”

Do you not love your wife? If you do love her, would you ever do anything that would harm her feelings? If not, is it because you care for her and you love her? Is this your way of showing your love to her, and by doing so, nurturing the love you have for her? Do you believe she deserves anything less?

Do you not love your mother and father? How do you show your love for them? What is it that you do that proves your love for them? Would you ever harm your mother? Would you ever hurt your father? If not, then why? Could the reason be that doing so would not demonstrate the love you have for them?

Do you love your children deeply? Would you ever become a crisis in their lives that would cause a deeply rooted harmful experience because of your actions? If not, then why not? Is it because you would not be displaying the deepest love you have for them?

“Truly I say to you, if these things are the moral reasons by which you express yourself to the people you care about—if this is truly a demonstration of your love for those you acknowledge you love—then tell me this: why is it that when it comes to doing these things for the ones you care deeply about, it is defended as love, but when it comes to the Lord, whom you profess with your lips that you love, and I ask you to demonstrate that love by living a life of holiness and righteousness, it is labeled as “works,” as if He does not deserve more than all, simply because we could never live up to His standards?”

I say to you: you will never be the perfect husband, son, nor father, but it is you who will give all that you have to show the love you have for your family, because this is what true love looks like in its purest form—as you submit your actions to being obedient to the laws required to show your love to them. It is not the confession of love, but the execution of the act that bears the fruit of the love they experience.

One must “hate” their mother and father, sister and brother, to truly follow Jesus Christ—and this is how one truly shows their love for God. Indeed, I see your efforts are far greater for the flesh of this world than for the one true living God who gave His life on the cross for you and me.

— Mandale Powell

+DEEPEST LOVE+

“Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

— John 14:21

+BLINDNESS OF SIN+

> Do not delight yourself in sin, for you will surely become more blind than a mere person who cannot see. I say to you, even a person who is blind—yet chooses to live their life not in sin—has more sight than you who see, but cannot see God's Truth and the things of Heaven.
>
> — Mandale Powell

+BLINDNESS OF SIN+

> This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the Truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.
>
> — John 3:19–21

+GOD'S PEOPLE+

“Understand this, my brothers and sisters, so you may know this of the Lord. Let it be the day that you shepherd a herd of sheep, and this herd is more abundant than what your eyes can contain. You provide for all its needs, and you are the one who gives its nourishment and safety indeed. You provide for this herd's life by giving it water, care, and love.”

There will come a day when this herd of sheep will reject the provisions you have made for it—these sheep you have cared for throughout all its seasons. This sheep has now grown wise in its own eyes, and now it rejects you and the provisions you have made for its life. It believes that it can live without you. It believes that life is far greater than what you have to offer for its survival and welfare. This sheep has abandoned your love and your care. This sheep dwells with a mind that believes in its own self-sufficiency.

Yet you, who hold absolute and supreme wisdom, know that there could be no such thing, and you know that this sheep is not able to survive without your support. It was you who, in its beginning, cared for its life. This sheep will soon wither away and die if it continues to reject the provision that you provide for its life and the care that you give that ensures its safety. Without you, its welfare will soon run dry, and its predators will gnaw at its corpse and tear away its young.

> Though you continually attend to its needs without abandoning its care and essential provisions, it rejects everything you give in order to care for it. You cry and weep as you watch it slowly demise. The herd that was once abundant and yours to protect has now withered away because it believed it was wise in its own eyes—just as it once was with God's people.
>
> — Mandale Powell

+GOD'S PEOPLE+

“When Samuel Grew Old, He Appointed His Sons As Israel's Leaders.[a] 2 The Name Of His Firstborn Was Joel And The Name Of His Second Was Abijah, And They Served At Beersheba. 3 But His Sons Did Not Follow His Ways. They Turned Aside After Dishonest Gain And Accepted Bribes And Perverted Justice.”

4 So All The Elders Of Israel Gathered Together And Came To Samuel At Ramah. 5 They Said To Him, “you Are Old, And Your Sons Do Not Follow Your Ways; Now Appoint A King To Lead[b] Us, Such As All The Other Nations Have.”

6 But When They Said, “give Us A King To Lead Us,” This Displeased Samuel; So He Prayed To The Lord. 7 And The Lord Told Him: “listen To All That The People Are Saying To You; It Is Not You They Have Rejected, But They Have Rejected Me As Their King. 8 As They Have Done From The Day I Brought Them Up Out Of Egypt Until This Day, Forsaking Me And Serving Other Gods, So They Are Doing To You. 9 Now Listen To Them; But Warn Them Solemnly And Let Them Know What The King Who Will Reign Over Them Will Claim As His Rights.”

“10 Samuel Told All The Words Of The Lord To The People Who Were Asking Him For A King. 11 He Said, “this Is What The King Who Will Reign Over You Will Claim As His Rights: He Will Take Your Sons And Make Them Serve With His Chariots And Horses, And They Will Run In Front Of His Chariots. 12 Some He Will Assign To Be Commanders Of Thousands And Commanders Of Fifties, And Others To Plow His Ground And Reap His Harvest, And Still Others To Make Weapons Of War And Equipment For His Chariots. 13 He Will Take Your Daughters To Be Perfumers And Cooks And Bakers. 14 He Will Take The Best Of Your Fields And Vineyards And Olive Groves And Give Them To His Attendants. 15 He Will Take A Tenth Of Your Grain And Of Your Vintage And Give It To His Officials And Attendants. 16 Your Male And Female Servants And The Best Of Your Cattle[c] And Donkeys He Will Take For His Own Use. 17 He Will Take A Tenth Of Your Flocks, And You Yourselves Will Become His Slaves. 18 When That Day Comes, You Will Cry Out For Relief From The King You Have Chosen, But The Lord Will Not Answer You In That Day.”

— 1 Samuel 8:1-18

+MIND OF GOD+

> A man who has paralyzed his mind from learning the things of God, in order to gain growth in wisdom, knowledge, and Truth to carry forth to the next generation, is no better than the mind of a man who lies buried in his grave.
>
> — Mandale Powell

+MIND OF GOD+

> The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth— Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, ...
>
> — Proverbs 1:1-33

+DAUGHTERS OF ISRAEL+

> Oh, how I long for the day my daughter will return so I may see her face. She wanders in this world, rejecting my love for her, leaving me no room or space. Yet it is I who harness the fruit of patience for my daughter, in hopes that one day she will come looking for me. And it is I who harness the fruit of love for my daughter, in hopes that one day she will reach out to me. It is also I who harness the fruit of devotion for my daughter, in hopes that one day she may think of me. But it is her free will alone that steals her from my face. It is her free will that leads her to the darkest place.

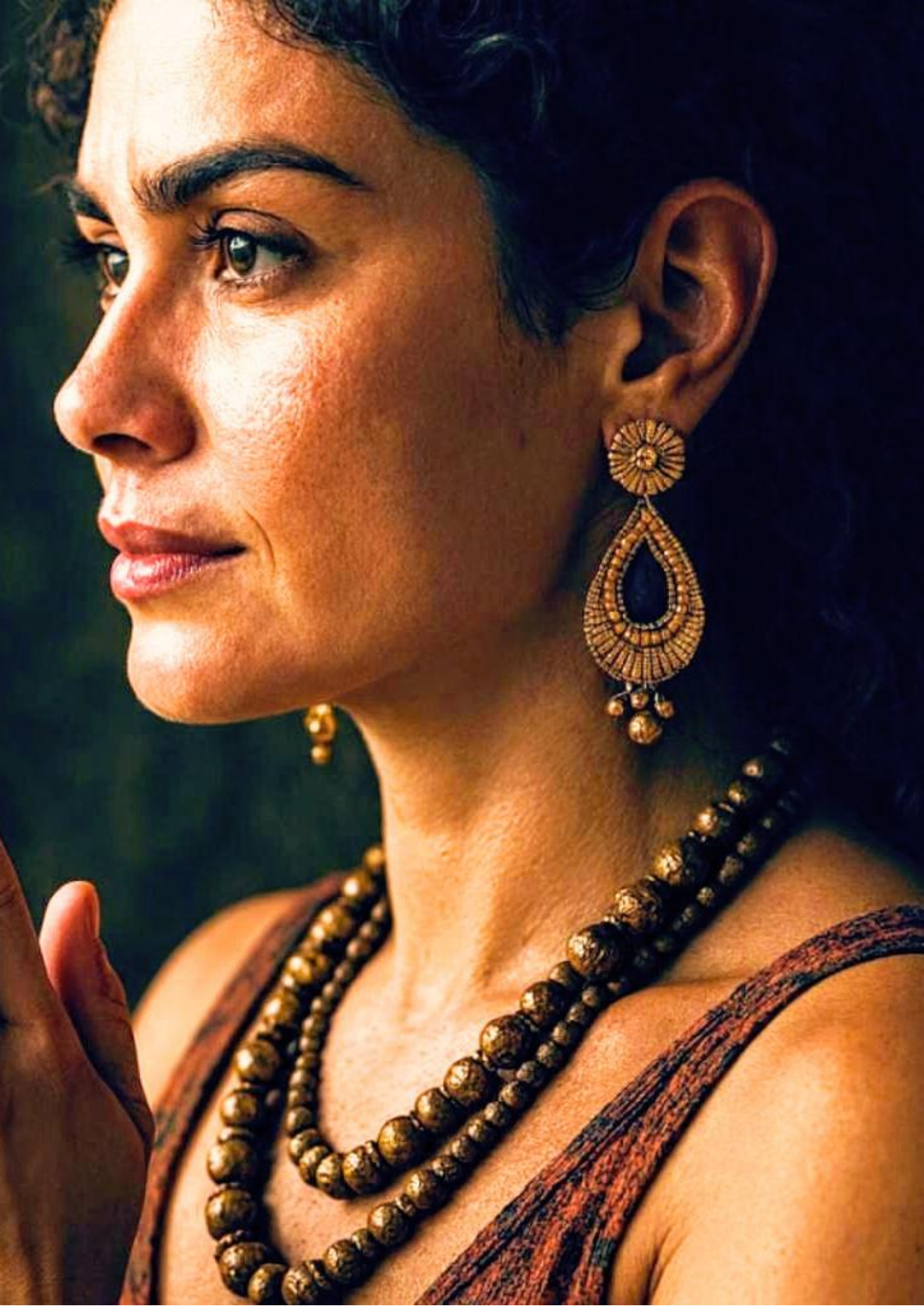
It is now she who strides to and fro from sunup to sundown. And she strides in circles like flocks of sheep along the shepherd's ground. Sometimes she will go left, and other times she may go right, but it is the narrow path where she will find me directly in sight. Oh, how I long for the day that she may be with me by my side, and it will be her face I can finally see sitting next to me more than a million times.

"In Heaven I will wait to see my Daughters of Israel's face."

— Mandale Powell

+DAUGHTERS OF ISRAEL+

> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
>
> — James 4:8



+RELIGIOUS ACT+

> Christians, know that your religious acts of good deeds are no different than those of a Buddhist if you do them through self-righteousness rather than through the name we serve—Jesus Christ.
>
> — Mandale Powell

+RELIGIOUS ACT+

“Do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

— Colossians 3:17

+MARRIAGE & VOID+

“Marriage will never fill the void of loneliness that gives an unsettled feeling in the heart.

Only Jesus and His love can.”

— Mandale Powell

+MARRIAGE & VOID+

“ No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, ”

God lives in us, and His love is made complete in us.

— 1 John 4:12

+SPIRITS IN FEAR+

> You say you neither believe in God nor Christ. Yet I say to you that even the demons of this world believe in God's existence, for they tremble with terror and fear at the hearing of Christ's name.
>
> — Mandale Powell

SPIRITS IN FEAR+

“You believe that there is one God.
Good! Even the demons believe that—
and shudder.”

— James 2:19

+POWER OF TONGUE+

> Be careful with the power of the tongue, for you may speak things from your heart that the Lord may require of you. And Satan will surely recall those things before the Lord and may ask for permission to sift you out.
>
> — Mandale Powell

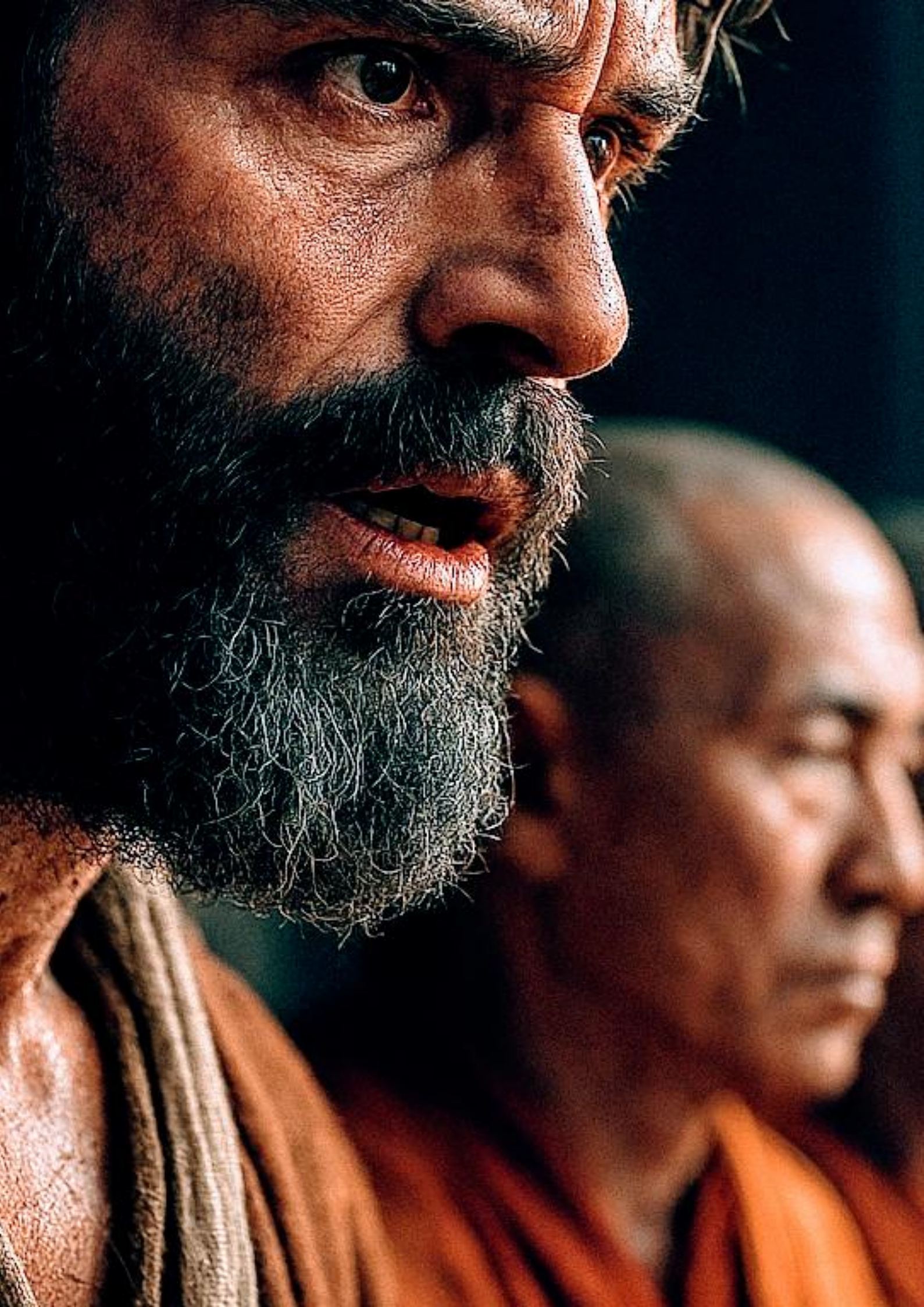
+POWER OF TONGUE+

“31 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

33 But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”

34 Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”

— Luke 22:31-34



+GARMENTS OF RELIGION+

> Your holy garments and much praying may give the appearance of righteousness, but those who truly seek Christ our God are the ones in whom He is most pleased.
>
> — Mandale Powell

+GARMENTS OF RELIGION+

“8 What Is More, I Consider Everything A Loss Because Of The Surpassing Worth Of Knowing Christ Jesus My Lord, For Whose Sake I Have Lost All Things. I Consider Them Garbage, That I May Gain Christ 9 And Be Found In Him, Not Having A Righteousness Of My Own That Comes From The Law, But That Which Is Through Faith In[a] Christ—the Righteousness That Comes From God On The Basis Of Faith.”

— Philippians 3:8-9

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+THE COUNTERFEIT+

> Counterfeit Christian — one who wears the garments of righteousness in the public square, yet does things in secret behind closed doors that are hidden from the public eye, but not hidden from God. Fornication burns with lust, but God's anger shall burn even more on the Day of Judgment. You say I preach hate, but I preach truth in hopes of saving your soul from God's judgment and wrath. So I tell all who are unrighteous and ungodly: be drunken with the Spirit of the Lord, and do not continue to take part in the world, choosing instead to be drunken with spirits that dwell among ungodly men. Repent and be saved from the Lord's wrath before the day you are called.
>
> — Mandale Powell

+THE COUNTERFEIT+

> The Time Is Coming When Everything That Is Covered Up Will Be Revealed, And All That Is Secret Will Be Made Known To All. Whatever You Have Said In The Dark Will Be Heard In The Light, And What You Have Whispered Behind Closed Doors Will Be Shouted From The Housetops For All To Hear! “dear Friends, Don’t Be Afraid Of Those Who Want To Kill Your Body; They Cannot Do Any More To You After That. But I’ll Tell You Whom To Fear. Fear God, Who Has The Power To Kill You And Then Throw You Into Hell. Yes, He’s The One To Fear.
>
> — Luke 12:2-5

+VIRTIOUS WOMAN+

> Don’t be deceived by her beauty, for a true and virtuous woman is not merely a woman of beauty, stature, elegance, and achievements. A virtuous woman is a woman who has a genuine heart of purity for God.
>
> — Mandale Powell

+VIRTIOUS WOMAN+

> 3 Your Beauty Should Not Come From Outward Adornment, Such As Elaborate Hairstyles And The Wearing Of Gold Jewelry Or Fine Clothes. 4 Rather, It Should Be That Of Your Inner Self, The Unfading Beauty Of A Gentle And Quiet Spirit, Which Is Of Great Worth In God's Sight.
>
> — 1 Peter 3:3-4

+FLIRTATIOUS+

“To the married men who flirt with women as though your faithful and beloved wife does not exist: you possess a spirit of lust with an appetite like the honeybee, which tastes the nectar of every beautiful flower it sees — yet is never satisfied with just one.”

— Mandale Powell

+FLIRTATIOUS+

> 27 “you Have Heard That It Was Said, ‘you Shall Not Commit Adultery.’[e] 28 But I Tell You That Anyone Who Looks At A Woman Lustfully Has Already Committed Adultery With Her In His Heart. 29 If Your Right Eye Causes You To Stumble, Gouge It Out And Throw It Away. It Is Better For You To Lose One Part Of Your Body Than For Your Whole Body To Be Thrown Into Hell. 30 And If Your Right Hand Causes You To Stumble, Cut It Off And Throw It Away. It Is Better For You To Lose One Part Of Your Body Than For Your Whole Body To Go Into Hell.
>
> — Matthew 5:27-30

+LIVING IN SIN+

“To the married men who flirt with women as though your faithful and beloved wife does not exist: you possess a spirit of lust with an appetite like the honeybee, which tastes the nectar of every beautiful flower it sees — yet is never satisfied with just one.”

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+LIVING IN SIN+

“Everyone Who Sins Breaks The Law; In Fact, Sin Is Lawlessness. But You Know That He Appeared So That He Might Take Away Our Sins. And In Him Is No Sin. No One Who Lives In Him Keeps On Sinning. No One Who Continues To Sin Has Either Seen Him Or Known Him. Dear Children, Do Not Let Anyone Lead You Astray. The One Who Does What Is Right Is Righteous, Just As He Is Righteous. The One Who Does What Is Sinful Is Of The Devil, Because The Devil Has Been Sinning From The Beginning. The Reason The Son Of God Appeared Was To Destroy The Devil’s Work. No One Who Is Born Of God Will Continue To Sin, Because God’s Seed Remains In Them; They Cannot Go On Sinning, Because They Have Been Born Of God. This Is How We Know Who The Children Of God Are And Who The Children Of The Devil Are: Anyone Who Does Not Do What Is Right Is Not God’s Child, Nor Is Anyone Who Does Not Love Their Brother And Sister.”

— 1 John 3:4-10

+GOD'S WISDOM+

If one's marriage is failing, even unto the point of divorce, you have now witnessed that what the world believes and understands about love is not enough. Yet according to the Word of God, only the knowledge and wisdom of God's Word — and His love — are equipped to sustain what He has made to be pure, holy, and permanent. For He is the Author of marriage.

For it is written: *"Let no man separate what God has joined together."*

(Agape)

— Mandale Powell

+GOD'S WISDOM+

“But The Wisdom That Comes From Heaven Is First Of All Pure; Then Peace-loving, Considerate, Submissive, Full Of Mercy And Good Fruit, Impartial And Sincere.”

- James 3:17

+NOT SEEKING GOD+

“Do men not search for food when they hunger? Do they not search for water when they thirst? Do they not seek a cure when their body is sick? Oh, how I pray that the words I am about to say do not fall short of your hearing.”

Man is indeed wise enough not to reject what the body needs, for he understands it is essential for life. Yet it is his spirit that suffers more than the body, as he deprives his spirit of God’s truth that hungers, and he rejects his spirit from quenching that thirst.

It is he who does not seek God when he is spiritually sick and spiritually broken.

— Mandale Powell

+NOT SEEKING GOD+

“ But Jesus Told Him, “no! The Scriptures Say, ”

‘People Do Not Live By Bread Alone,

But By Every Word That Comes From The Mouth Of God.

- Matthew 4:4

+THE LAW+

> If you love God, then you will love His laws, because the Law is God and the Law is God's nature. Therefore, if you hate the Law, then you indeed hate God's nature as well as God Himself, for God is the Law and the Law is God.

No man can say he loves the apple but hates the taste. If he hates the taste of the apple, then he hates the apple itself, because the taste of the apple is the nature of the apple. Therefore, he can only love them both, for it is impossible to hate them separately, as the taste of the apple and the apple itself are the same.

Just as God and His laws. Let no man say differently.

— Mandale Powell

+THE LAW+

89 Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. 90 Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures. 91 Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you. 92 If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. 93 I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life. 94 Save me, for I am yours; I have sought out your precepts. 95 The wicked are waiting to destroy me, but I will ponder your statutes. 96 To all perfection I see a limit, but your commands are boundless. 97 Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. 98 Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies. 99 I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. 100 I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts. 101 I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word. 102 I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me. 103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth. 104 I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

- Psalm 119:89-104

+IN SIN+

> Which one of you who manages and holds a beautiful garden would not pull the weeds out if you saw them growing among the garden? Truly I tell you, if one were to manage this garden, he would surely pull the weeds out from among it before they destroy and spread throughout the land.
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> This, I tell you, is the same feeling our God has about sin, which lives among the nation of people who are like a beautiful garden. It is the people who are like His garden, and it is the people who sin who are like the weeds. It is sin that destroys nations.
>
> — Mandale Powell

+IN SIN+

> Now The Works Of The Flesh Are Evident: Sexual Immorality, Impurity, Sensuality, Idolatry, Sorcery, Enmity, Strife, Jealousy, Fits Of Anger, Rivalries, Dissensions, Divisions, Envy, Drunkenness, Orgies, And Things Like These. I Warn You, As I Warned You Before, That Those Who Do Such Things Will Not Inherit The Kingdom Of God.
>
> - Galatians 5:19-21

+REPROBATIVE MIND+

> As thy days have darkened and the people of this world have begotten all wisdom, they no longer know what is good or evil, for God has removed this understanding from them—an understanding that was once written on the hearts of all men.

It is now that man has removed himself from God, and for this, the animals of the field seem wiser in sight and understanding, for man has fallen below the beasts of the field. What was once deemed evil in the sight of men is now glorified. Such evil makes even the wild beasts of the field seem more righteous in their actions, for they do not deviate from God's purpose in nature.

— Mandale Powell

+REPROBATIVE MIND+

> And With All Wicked Deception For Those Who Are Perishing, Because They Refused To Love The Truth And So Be Saved. Therefore God Sends Them A Strong Delusion, So That They May Believe What Is False, In Order That All May Be Condemned Who Did Not Believe The Truth But Had Pleasure In Unrighteousness.
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> -2 Thessalonians 2:10-12

+THE FORNICATOR+

“It is written that any man who burns with the passion of sexual appetite should indeed seek to have a wife, so that he may avoid the act of fornication outside of marriage. But marriage is not meant to be the only reason why one should become married, for if you believe marriage was designed solely as a cure for your appetite of fornication, then you misunderstand its purpose. Deal with your lust first, before it carries into marriage; otherwise it will destroy what you have, for the appetite will never leave you, and you will treat the one with whom you have a covenant as though she were a prostitute, for this is not love — it is a transaction. You have placed your sexual appetite at the forefront of your marriage and made it your idol, for your intention for marriage was not to glorify God but to glorify your sexual desires. You have taken what God meant to be pure and holy with divine purpose and exchanged it for your own selfishness. Marriage is a sacred covenant between three parties: you, your spouse, and God at the center. Your purpose is to love your wife and sacrifice yourself for her as Jesus did for the Church, for He was a servant to His sheep, and so you should become a servant to your wife. Do not chase after the things of the flesh as the pagans do, but chase after the things of God.”

— Mandale Powell

+THE FORNICATOR+

> 7:1 Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. 3 Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. 4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. 5 Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.
>
> — 1 Corinthians 7:1-5

+WOMAN OF GOD+

> May these words rest in you. If a brother in Christ desires to be a husband someday, let it be known that he should not seek merely to find a good woman — but he should seek to find a godly woman. For a good woman found in this world can become a liability to one's growing faith in Christ. But it is a virtuous, godly woman who has been tested, refined, and approved by God Himself. It is she who shall join him and become an increase in his life, for now two have joined together in faith and in the name of God.
>
> — Mandale Powell

+WOMAN OF GOD+

“10 An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. ”
11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.
12 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

- Proverbs 31:10-12

+CARNAL WORSHIP+

“What is natural to him who serves in the Spirit versus what seems natural to him who chooses to serve God through carnal means? For those of us in Christ know this: doing good deeds is pure in its nature, and it is the natural result of the fruit of the Holy Spirit — the working of Christ’s hands in one’s life. It is one’s faith in Christ that brings forth this fruit, for in Christ this behavior is the taking on of our new nature.

Know this also: there will be many who put their faith in their own human efforts in order to gain heaven through carnal means. This path is called “works,” brothers and sisters. For this behavior, in its attempt to attain heaven through human effort, is like filthy rags covered in dung. It will not bring anyone closer to God, for man continues to serve a holy God while remaining in a fallen state and not born again in Christ through the Holy Spirit. Man’s heart is not pure, nor are his deeds good, for he attempts to prove his holiness through self-righteousness.

The gates of hell are wide — this is the carnal path, and many will enter it. But the gate to heaven is narrow — that gate is Christ — and very few will find it.”

- Mandale Powell

+CARNAL WORSHIP+

> 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
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> 9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.
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> - Romans 8:8-9

+MARRIAGE BY DESIGN+

“The world has stolen what God has created for His purpose and made it their own. God created marriage to be a covenant between husband, wife, and God. He made marriage to carry a divine purpose, but the world has deviated from His original plan and reinvented His will to fit their own. Behold, the Lord designed marriage to be a union in nature — that man and woman may bear fruit and bring forth a generation.”

Yet the ears of man will not attend to the words of God. Though God sent His prophets and apostles to give light so that humanity might know His truth, the hearts of men instead heed the teachings of the world. The hearts of men live in darkness, and they will not give you the words of God. Their intellectual beliefs and philosophical teachings hold no truth, but only darkness.

- Mandale Powell

+MARRIAGE BY DESIGN+

> If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them.

- Leviticus 20:13

+IN THE SPIRIT+

> Though the things I say through the words of God pierce the hearts of men and may offend them, yet I speak to save your soul from something far greater than words: God's divine judgment for the unrighteous, who will be cast into damnation for eternity. Heed this teaching, brothers and sisters. God does not seek those who are merely good, but those who are righteous. God does not seek those who display good works outwardly, but those who pursue God's righteousness in Christ through the Holy Spirit.
>
> — Mandale Powell

+IN THE SPIRIT+

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

— 2 Timothy 3:16-17

+FOLLOWED VOID+

“Many before you have chosen to follow their own god, but they unfortunately followed what was void. It is with sorrow and grief beyond words that many will mourn for their mistake on the Last Day — *the Day of the Lord, a day of judgment.*”

— Mandale Powell

+FOLLOWED VOID+

> Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.
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> - 1 Corinthians 8:6

+MAN'S IDOL+

> To those of you who hold your arms around your riches and wealth: today you may have plenty, but tomorrow you may have none. I say to you, do not cling to your riches, for they will change faster than the four seasons. Instead, hold your arms around the Source, who is God in Heaven, for it is He who will outlive and out-prosper what you have today and what you may lose tomorrow. He is the God who possesses wealth and gives it abundantly, for He is the provision that never diminishes, unlike the things you possess on earth.

- Mandale Powell

+MAN'S IDOL+

"As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy."

- 1 Timothy 6:17

+EVERY NATION+

> Every nation, of every tribe, of every tongue who has never heard the Gospel will indeed experience the judgment of God in the Last Days, for His laws are written on the hearts of all men.

— Mandale Powell

+EVERY NATION+

> 12 For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. 13 For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. 14 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. 15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them 16 on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.
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> — Romans 2:12-16

+AUTHORITY OF LIFE+

> The Word of God speaks to the spirit. It is your spirit that suffers when one hears the Word of the Lord. It is the spirit that is offended when the Word of God reveals one's sin. It is the Word of God that draws one's spirit to Christ. And it will be your spirit that departs into eternity on the Day of Judgment by the Word of God if no true repentance is found. For the Word of the Lord is truth and the absolute authority of life.
>
> — Mandale Powell

+AUTHORITY OF LIFE+

> 12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
>
> — Hebrews 4:12

+HEARTS OF DARKNESS+

> My dear sisters and brothers, tell me this: was it not the people of the world who asked you, “If the God of Heaven is so good, why is there so much evil in the world”? I believe many of you, who should be like ambassadors, draw blank to this understanding, as though your mind were an empty storehouse. For some possess no knowledge of the truth I am about to share with you.
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> Ask yourself: was it not the fall of man that corrupted his heavenly, divine nature and imparted to him the nature of sin — his newly conceived, unnatural, sinful state? Do you not believe it is this very nature that rejects all things of God and His truth? Was it not God who gave man the commandments to correct this dark and corrupt nature? These are God’s laws that expose man’s evil and sinful inclinations.
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> Yet even then, man continues to reject these divine laws and commands of God in an effort to prevail against His Word, so that he may remain in his wickedness. It was God who sent the prophets and apostles to teach correction through His Word, to restrain the wickedness of man’s heart from doing what is not good. It is the law and the commands of God that expose sin — and it is these very laws that man’s darkened heart refuses to follow, which answers their own question about the evil that dwells among us.

> Know this: once man separates himself from God's light, it is man who draws closer to darkness and evil. Only through Christ can man be saved from his state of darkness and brought into the light — the light of Christ's righteousness.
>
> — Mandale Powell

+HEARTS OF DARKNESS+

“12 Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin came death, which then spread to all because all have sinned. 13 Even before the law was given, sin was already present, though it was not counted where there was no law. 14 Yet death still ruled from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the same way Adam did, who foreshadowed the One to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the offense, for if many died through Adam’s sin, much more has God’s grace and the gift that comes through Jesus Christ overflowed to many. 16 The judgment that came through one man brought condemnation, but the free gift brings justification from many offenses. 17 For if death ruled through Adam’s sin, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through Jesus Christ. 18 Just as Adam’s trespass brought condemnation to all, so Christ’s righteousness brings justification and life to all who receive Him. 19 Through Adam’s disobedience many were made sinners, but through Christ’s obedience many will be made righteous. 20 The law entered so that sin might be clearly seen, but where sin increased, grace increased even more. 21 And just as sin ruled in death, grace now rules through righteousness, leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

— Romans 5:12-21

+BRIDE'S LOVE+

> Woman, wed yourself to Christ first as His one and only Bride, for His love will reveal to you *Agape*. In understanding this truth, you will surely know what to look for in a husband, for the two shall become one flesh. Let no man separate what God has joined in marriage. Choosing a true man of God is desirable in the eyes of the Lord.
>
> — Mandale Powell

+BRIDE'S LOVE+

> 14 Don't be unequally yoked with unbelievers, for what fellowship do righteousness and iniquity have? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness? 15 What agreement does Christ have with Belial? Or what portion does a believer have with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement does a temple of God have with idols? For you are a temple of the living God. Even as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk in them. I will be their God and they will be my people."
>
> — 2 Corinthians 6:14-16

+THE UNDESERVING+

“Many shall say with their lips that they need proof that God exists.”

Well, let this be the proof of understanding this truth without a doubt:

Satan wants to end your life even more than you desire to keep it — but if you are hearing this message, it is because Jesus Christ never allowed Satan to do so. For God’s grace and mercy rest upon your shoulders undeservingly.

— Mandale Powell

+THE UNDESERVING+

> “But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; 8 or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. 9 Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?”
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> — Job 12:7-9

+THE LORD'S GAIN+

“Why didn't God create a life without evil? I ask you this: which is the greater gain for the Lord who sits in Heaven? Would it be a far greater gain for God to have a perfect people in Heaven who serve and obey without rebellion, existing absent of free will? Or would it be more precious to have a people who proved their love for God through persecution, loyalty, faithfulness, obedience, and the denouncement of sin for His name's sake? Understand this: God will be surrounded in Heaven by those who proved their love to Him through sacrifice, which He used for His glory just as He did at the Cross.”

And if these sayings still do not convince you, know this: if God were to remove what is evil in the world, how do you know He would not surely start with you? For it is written that no man is good in the world—no, not even one. For all have fallen short of the Lord's glory, and the heart of man is wicked in nature.

— Mandale Powell

+THE LORD'S GAIN+

“21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place[a] of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,[b] and God himself will be with them as their God.[c] 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6 And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

— Revelation 21:1-8

+KINGDOM CITIZEN+

“Evaluate your citizenship: what kingdom do you belong to? If you choose to pursue a life of righteousness through Christ, then you belong to the Kingdom of God who is in Heaven. If you choose to live a life of sin, then you belong to the kingdom of darkness, which is Hell. For darkness belongs to the adversary, known as the prince of the air — Satan himself. Your citizenship depends on how you are living your life presently, and this will determine your eternity after the life you are living right now.”

If you do not repent and turn to the One who was the Lamb slain at the Cross — Christ, who was God from Heaven in the flesh and who rose on the third day — then you are like one who spits upon the One who hung on the Cross for your punishment, in order to keep the Father from casting His cup of wrath upon your head on the Day of Judgment. For no man will escape that day, no, not even one, for no false god you worship can save you from the hands of the Creator of all things.

Blessed are the ones who receive this message, turn from sin, and embrace salvation through true repentance.

— Mandale Powell

+KINGDOM CITIZEN+

> 8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's[b] seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.
>
> — 1 John 3:8-10

+MY FATHER'S WILL+

> Everyone says they love God, but if they truly loved God, they would keep His commands. Does not a child obey his earthly father? Does not a handmaid obey her master? Does not a servant obey their king? So why is it that they have not obeyed God? He has given them life, He has given them shelter, He has given them grace, He has given them love — yet they still do not obey or do the things He desires most: to repent and separate themselves from the sins of this world. Be ye holy, for God is holy. "On earth as it is in Heaven."
>
> — Mandale Powell

+MY FATHER'S WILL+

> 20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and [a]manifest Myself to him."
>
> — John 14:20-21

+HEART OF READINESS+

> The Word of God is like seeds dropped on soil. Those who carry good soil will cause the seed to take root and bear good fruit. Those who carry bad soil will not bear fruit at all, for their soil is dry and hardened like a potter's clay, covered in rubble and stone. The rubble and stones are the false teachings of this world, invented by man, which they heed for counsel, wisdom, and understanding. Their wisdom deviates from the Word of God.

This is like the heart of man who rejects the Word, for the condition of such a heart leaves no room for truth. It is the heart that determines the ability to bear the fruit of God's Word.

— Mandale Powell

+HEART OF READINESS+

“13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear.” 10 The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?” 11 He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. 12 Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 13 This is why I speak to them in parables: “Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. 14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

“‘You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. 15 For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.’[a] 16 But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.”

“17 For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. 18 “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. 20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. 22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. 23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

— Matthew 13:1-23

+A HEART TO GOD+

> Give your heart to God rather than giving your body to men, for you give freely to the undeserving what is precious in the nature of the flesh — yet you withhold the gift you could give to a deserving Father, and that gift is your spirit. For in Him you will find life, and it is a life no man in the flesh can offer you through lustful appetite. One shall lead you into eternal life, and the other shall lead you into eternal damnation.
>
> — Mandale Powell

+A HEART TO GOD+

> 37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’[a] 38 This is the first and greatest commandment.
>
> — Matthew 22:37-38

+HEART FOR CHRIST+

> Having the zeal of God but no knowledge of His Word, many strive to seek His face through religious acts and through false prophets. Yet God has called us to seek His face through Christ alone. Many of you believe you have found righteousness in the name of God, but not in the name of Christ. Then I ask you this: if Christ is God in the flesh, and God in the Spirit, then what God is this foreign god you pray to, whose face you seek in prayer?
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> Many of you say you follow the prophets. If that is true, then you would follow Christ, for it is Christ whom the prophets spoke of in prophecy — the One they revealed as God. Yet many seek to follow the righteous acts of the prophets rather than their deepest and most profound faith in the prophecy of the One and true living God, who is Christ.
>
> — Mandale Powell

+HEART FOR CHRIST+

“6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” 8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” 9 Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

— John 14:6-14

+GRACE+

“God’s grace and mercy are available to all who repent. Accept His invitation while it is available. For many who were once with us in this world spent their entire lives praying and worshiping effortlessly to false gods. Even unto those who reject Christ, they shall not be spared from God’s anger. The eternal things in Heaven will not be their inheritance. For many will wish for a second chance at repentance, as their spirit will mourn for Christ’s mercy, but they will find none.”

— Mandale Powell

+GRACE+

“5 All this is evidence that God’s judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. 6 God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you 7 and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. 8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might 10 on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.”

— 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

+CHRIST REVEALS+

> The day Christ reveals Himself to you — for which you sought effortlessly for truth, and in your heart you truly desired to know the God of Heaven — is the day you understand that those who seek to know Him shall find Him. He hears the call of the lost sheep in the wilderness, and a shepherd would not leave even one of his sheep behind. Those who are lost and seeking their Shepherd will find that Shepherd, who is Christ. It is God's grace and mercy that forgive those who reject His love and patience. Many of us once sought supernatural things to fill our void, but it is in Christ that we find peace — in His grace, His mercy, His love, His understanding, and His truth. Although we were undeserving and lost, pursuing the things of this world, the pleasures were temporary and our peace was short. Yet the joy in Christ is forever. For no one comes to Christ unless the God of Heaven sends them, because they truly believed and listened.

— Mandale Powell

+CHRIST REVEALS+

“29 But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

— Deuteronomy 4:29

+THE BAPTISM+

“For you have now given yourself to Christ and are now born again and have been baptized in Jesus’ name. You were one who held faithfulness in Christ while knowingly undeserving and in need of being saved. It is this picture of belief that truly moves the heart of God. It is the baptism that pledges your allegiance to the Father as a public testimony that one’s faith is in Christ — who is God in the flesh — and that He is the Savior of your salvation. It is your faith, and your faith alone, in Christ that redeems you from sin, for human efforts and works have no hope of granting access to be with the Father in Heaven for salvation. Christ did not die for the redemption of man to be deemed nothing more than vanity. It is those whose faith is in Christ who will be glorified to be with the Father in Heaven — by faith, and not by self-righteousness, rituals, or traditions — so no man can boast.”

— Mandale Powell

+THE BAPTISM+

> 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. 19 After being made alive,[a] he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— 20 to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, 21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.[b] It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.
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> — 1 Peter 3:18-22

Holy
Bible

+DIFFERENT GOSPEL+

“You say I preach hate, but I preach truth in hopes of delivering your souls from the day of God’s judgment and wrath. For many false teachers have gone out into the world and have preached to you a different Gospel, which is not from the God of Heaven. There are many of you who are like sheep, following false shepherds who claim to lead you to our God but instead plan to lead you to the Devil.”

For it is written that the Word of God will soon reach all nations, but many will not endure sound doctrine, seeking teachers who cater to the lust of their sins through false justification and validation from false teachings. They will surely claim that God has spoken these words, but God has not. He takes no part in these false teachers, nor is He with them.

For the day they hear the truth of the Gospel, these sheep will reject its teachings, as the true Word of God pierces the hearts of man and reveals sin — for true salvation only comes through hearing the true Word of God that produces a heart of repentance. It is these sheep who will call this preaching hate. Let no man sleep on this understanding, pursuing teachings that fit the desires of his own heart and not God’s.

— Mandale Powell

+DIFFERENT GOSPEL+

> 2 Preach the Word; be instant in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but having itching ears, they shall heap to themselves teachers in accordance with their own lusts. 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned toward fables.
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> — 2 Timothy 4:2-4

+THE DIVINE WILL+

“To the widow and to the single who are in the faith — know this important will of God. Singleness is a gift and a divine calling from God, not to be chosen through carnal means nor used to deprive one’s nature, which is natural and good, as God has made one flesh as He sees fit for man to pursue — to be fruitful and multiply, as God designed this nature into many who desire to do so.”

If one’s desire is not to do so, and the desire to seek one flesh does not call them, and they have no desire for such things nor the passion to love a spouse in every area of that calling, then this is surely a divine will. For it is natural to man to desire what God has equipped man for — to showcase His glory in His design that brings forth family. Yet it is a divine calling for God to gift someone to desire singleness through the Spirit and not through the flesh, for this type of gift is the will of God to use them in a different area of calling, that He may use them diligently. They do these things in the Spirit and not in the flesh, for their appetites are for the things of the mind of God.

Let those who desire marriage seek their divine call, as God has indeed placed this will in their heart, that He may join them together — husband and wife — as He did with the first man in the beginning. Let not the mind boast that one’s calling is superior to another’s, brothers and sisters, for one seed was planted to bring forth fruit and another seed was planted to bring forth vegetables — yet both are a blessing in the sight of God, for both serve His divine purpose.

— Mandale Powell

+THE DIVINE WILL+

“32 I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord’s affairs—how he can please the Lord. 33 But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife— 34 and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord’s affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. 35 I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

36 If anyone is worried that he might not be acting honorably toward the virgin he is engaged to, and if his passions are too strong[b] and he feels he ought to marry, he should do as he wants. He is not sinning. They should get married. 37 But the man who has settled the matter in his own mind, who is under no compulsion but has control over his own will, and who has made up his mind not to marry the virgin—this man also does the right thing. 38 So then, he who marries the virgin does right, but he who does not marry her does better.[c]”

- 1 Corinthians 7:32-38

+WHO IS GOD+

“I can neither see nor feel, yet somehow my prayers seem to be answered and my wounds tend to be healed. I stretch my hands out, but it is only the air that moves between my fingertips. I scream His name, but it is the echoes that travel above the mountain lips. Who is God? Where is His throne? I fall to my face in agony, not understanding a God with no physical presence like my own.”

I thirst in the desert with no water for miles. I cry out to this unseen God, and rain suddenly falls upon my face from the sky. Who is this God? Where is His throne? I fall to my face, trying to make sense of this thing with the wisdom of my own.

In the wilderness I stand, among the beasts in its land, sorted out as prey to the carnivorous hand. As a lion approaches me, I pray to this God to reach out and save me from the lion’s prowl. But as the lion thrusts toward me, I rip its mouth in half with my bare hands. Who is this God? Where is His throne? I can neither see nor feel His presence like my own.

As I walk through town with nothing to buy to soothe my hunger as my stomach cries, I desire little — I don’t need much — just a taste of a little or a taste of enough. I cry out to God in a whispering voice that this hunger overtakes me, feeling light-headed and such.

“I walk the city grounds with my heart in despair. An older gentleman approaches me with a heart full of joy and an energy that flares. He says to me with excitement inside, “My fellow man, would you like to come inside? My son is getting married, and we are overwhelmed with food at this time. Many were invited, but very few came. Join us in celebration with my son and family, and let us feast without shame. We have plenty of wine and abundance to eat.”

As I acknowledged his invitation, tears ran from my eyes. My heart melted in disbelief that He heard my whisper — a whisper close to silent in sound. Who is this God? Where is His throne? A presence I can neither see nor touch as my own. Somehow He is around me everywhere I go. I travel many miles, yet somehow He still knows where I go.

Is this the same God that the prophets spoke of? The all-seeing and all-knowing One whom many have preached? As I fall to my face with tears running from my eyes, even though I lived in doubt, He still manifested my prayers, undeserving of His time. Who is this God? Where is His throne? Let me forever be with Him unto the day my body has perished and I will not be known.

— Mandale Powell

+WHO IS GOD+

> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!
>
> — Matthew 7:11

+THE WORLD+

“I see your ways, yet I question your thoughts, my brethren. You have one mind and one thought, and what I have seen come out of you is surely not from God. I see you have surely set your ways, but there are only two options to choose from: you may either set your mind on the ways of God, or you may set your mind on the ways of the world.”

What are the types of words one has uttered from thy mouth? Would they be used in the presence of the Lord? What are the desires of one’s heart that he seeks before the end of the day? Would the presence of God be welcomed to join in the festivities and in fellowship?

I say to you that if God alone can neither be welcomed because what you do sits beneath holiness and righteousness, then you have indeed set your mind on the world. You have learned your ways from the world, and the desires your heart enjoys are of the culture of this world — the culture you have chosen to be, live, participate in, learn, enjoy, embrace, welcome, understand, love, like, enrich, reach for, and desire to know.

I beg of you to set your mind on the culture of God and His ways, for in this you will be blessed. But set your mind on the culture of the world and its ways, and you will without a doubt be cursed, for God’s blessings do not exist there. That is the world man has built for himself.

— Mandale Powell

+THE WORLD+

> Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.
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> — 1 John 2:15-17

+CHRIST BRIDE+

> Woman, do not long for or seek to be intimate with a man who is not your husband, but long for an intimate relationship with the Lord, for this is indeed a spiritual connection. It is the Lord who shall be your first love and your first relationship.
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> But woe to you who have become intimate with the Lord and established Him to be first in your life, yet have now found another. You have formed a new relationship with one who is not your husband, and you have become spiritually intimate with this man. In doing so, you have broken a covenant with God, for you now hold another intimate relationship outside of the first — which is with God. It was God whom you first chose, but now it is another with whom you have chosen to share a spiritual intimacy, and he is not your husband.
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> God has no part in joining an intimate relationship between you and a partner — boyfriend or one you are dating — for this is like a bride who has broken her vow with God to be with a man who is not her husband. You once had a relationship of intimacy with God, yet now you have established intimacy with another who is not your husband.
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> Blessed is the woman who commits her life to her first true love, Jesus Christ, who is our God and Savior, and marries a husband so God may establish a covenant with the two — to live with both of them in Spirit and make them one, for this act is holy in God's eyes. This is the reason He created marriage and made it holy. Blessed is the woman who understands this truth:
>
> *"For you are Christ's bride."*
>
> — Mandale Powell

+CHRIST BRIDE+

> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.
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> — Ephesians 5:1-33

+WRONG GOD+

> Do not be fooled, my brothers and sisters, for you will enjoy the fruits of this world, and you will even be content with the pleasure it offers. The mind that God has given you will conceive sinfulness, and it will indeed become a sinful spirit you will love. It will live with you in silence and subtlety. You will carry a new citizenship from another nation, and Hell is that nation that is far from God. You will become like a chosen people of this sinful nation, embracing its ways, and you will no longer call it sin.
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> It is you who will say, "Look at all the wonders and displays of things my heart desires, and they are in my possession, under my control." Surely you will say, "I am blessed by God." But my question is: Which God do you speak of? For surely it cannot be the One whom you reject.
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> Your soul will be anchored to this world and to the things you believe are blessings. But do you not know that Satan — who has now become your father — can bless you as well with what the flesh lustfully desires? In the eyes of the sinful, the fruit he offers appears fair and beautiful. But one who sees through the eyes of God will see that what sits before you is rotten fruit — fruit you have eaten. It is infested with worms that slither beneath its skin, covered in mold and fungus inside and out. Yet you eat it and enjoy its taste, wasting none of it.
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> Its smell is foul and rotten — like the stench of dead bodies from the pits of hell. Yet you continue to eat in blindness, for your sinful eyes cannot see. Little do you know that your father Satan has you hypnotized. You can neither see nor smell, for his deception has gripped you well.

“You believe you are loved by this world, for it dresses you in the finest diamonds and pearls. It praises and worships you like the Most High, and in your heart you say, “Indeed, it is I.” You speak and confess the wonderful words of the gospel that the world loves to hear, but in truth it is not the gospel the apostles preached — the gospel of God’s desire for repentance and His gracious call for all to live righteous and holy before Him.”

Darkness has become your friend, and you continue to bring forth many of Satan’s spirits — sin living in subtlety. Many messengers have spoken softly with grace and love to bring you home to the Kingdom of God, where you belong. But you are carrying a family of sinful spirits within you. They hiss at the true God — the very God you claim blesses your ways, your possessions, and your fame. Yet you reject Him, the One you speak of, the God you claim.

When the heavenly messenger ministers to bring you home to the true God, you push him away. So I ask you: Which God is it that you claim? You neither see God’s heavenly messenger as your brother in fellowship nor welcome him with joy, though God has sent him personally to bring you home again. I believe you are in fellowship with the wrong god this day.

Next time, go back with the messengers, for God has sent them personally to bring you to Himself forever — even before judgment day. Beware, my brother and sister, for the god you follow is the god of this world.

> This god has a nature, and his nature is that of a liar. For a man to be a liar is unnatural, but with Satan — the creator of the first lie — lying is his nature. As the sun has light and the moon has craters, so Satan is the father of lies. He is the ministering spirit of deception, creating lies and demonstrating their ways through man and through his fallen angels — demons who once were not so.
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> Satan's image is the image of one dressed in garments of lies, for no truth comes from him. Anything that is not a lie would be considered good, and therefore true — but nothing true can ever live with him. Your mind has been fed by his words of promises, comfort, and peace, and the world provides your heart with all it desires. You fear nothing, for hell has not knocked at your door, and with this you see no need for the true God who could offer you more.
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> Satan reveals a bright future and deceives you into believing you are living well. Yet unknowingly, you have become an enemy of God, for you have chosen to dwell with the one who lives in hell.
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> Do not attempt to play it safe and live lukewarm lives, for no one stands in the middle of the enemy line and says, "I am neither for either side." The opposing agents who stand prepared for battle will say to the one standing between them:
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> "You are an enemy of mine if you do not choose whom you will follow this day."
>
> — Mandale Powell

+WRONG GOD+

> 15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father[a] is not in them. 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.
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> — 1 John 2:15–17

+UNDERSTANDING GOD+

> Let him who does not know nor understand ask and say that he does not understand the Lord or the things of the Lord. You shall ask him whether he understands the world in which he lives and the things of the world he experiences. He will answer with assurance that he understands and knows the things of the world in which he dwells.

He will then ask you, How does one know the things they do not understand? And you will say to him, How do you know the things of the world in which you live and claim to understand? Surely, I tell you, he will answer, Because I myself live in it.

But you shall make it known to him that if he desires to understand and know the things of God, he too must live in Him — just as he claims to know and live in the world in which he dwells.

— Mandale Powell

+UNDERSTANDING GOD+

“4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

— John 15:4-5

+WHAT IS TRUTH+

“Listen to me, brothers and sisters. In the heart of man, it is he who searches for understanding and who seeks Truth. I pray that he looks no further than our God who is in heaven, for He is Truth and He is Light. It is His wisdom and His light that give life.”

Let the words of God fill you with understanding and with all knowledge of Truth, which removes the veil of darkness from the eyes through the light of God’s wisdom and God’s Word.

I say to you, if God is Truth, then what is the opposite of Truth? If the man of this world does not seek Truth, then what is it that he seeks—if it is not God, who is the Light and who is Truth?

My heart wrestles to know why the people of this world search for the opposite of Truth and clothe what they have found, which is not Truth, and dress it in light and call it wisdom. Pity are they indeed. God forgive them all, for they know not.

— Mandale Powell

+WHAT IS TRUTH+

> 5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all[b] sin.
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> — 1 John 1:5-7

+MY FATHERS A KING+

“What is this I see? Is it not the light of God that shines above me?”

Is it I who prays for things that reach farther than the stars, yet in doubt that God will answer, forgetting who we are?

Is He not my Father who created the moon and the sun?

What is this I ask of Him that, even in faith, I fear will never be done?

I say to myself that I do believe, yet in my season of waiting I feel as though I will never receive.

Regardless of how I pray, God’s timing seems like a millennium away.

What are the things of my heart that I have asked?

Have they never been answered?

Have they never come to pass?

Write down the list of all that you have prayed and sought.

Is it not I who has stopped praying for the very things I wished to reap?

Is it not that I no longer pray because the things I awaited have already come to pass before?

Forgetful I am of God’s glory, with no remembrance of what He has done in the past.

Who am I to feel that God will never answer my prayers for the things I ask?

“I am privileged to stand by His throne and tap His leg and say,”

“Father, did You hear me weep and moan?

Do You know the things I desire?

Will You forever hold Your peace?”

God:

I hear you, but your faith is like that of a fatherless child — fragile and weak.

Have I not answered and given you your desires in the past, even when you doubted Me but still boldly asked?

How much longer will you continue to doubt Me in these days?

Have I not answered your prayers even during your darkest days?

I have given you miracles and moved mountains in your sleep,

and yet you doubt Me still, even now as we speak.

Forgetful you are, and you have forever been this way.

Why do you never remember your happier days?

All the things I have done for you have been taken for granted and allowed to fade away.

You do not know when the timing is right —

the hour in which the thing you seek will finally come into sight.

Have I not answered all your prayers in the past?

“You cannot say I have never fulfilled them when you asked.”

You no longer wait upon them this very hour and day,

for you have already received them even until this day.

Forgetful you are, and forever you have been this way.

You do not know the timing that is right for your prayers to be answered this hour and this day.

This time, write them down.

And when you have received what you asked, you shall never forget again.

Never doubt Me in disbelief,

for I am not a Father of abandonment who leaves His loved ones in sorrow and grief.

So write down what you are asking of Me and what you seek,

and never again treat Me as though your prayers are never answered or never complete.

Do not think for a moment that I have never answered a single prayer.

You have asked of Me in all your days, and I have fulfilled them even when you were unaware.

What is this that you see?

“Am I not the light of God that shines above the heavens and the sea? ”

Is it not I whom you pray to, who dwells farther than the stars?

It is I, your Father in heaven, who loves you and who knows who you are.

- Mandale Powell

+MY FATHERS A KING+

“14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.”

- 1 John 5:14

+OUR SAVIOR+

“As I have believed in the world, it has carried me nowhere. Yet this one thing I do believe in has carried me farther than the world ever could. This is why faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is so important.”

The animals of the forest do not fear, for they know they will have food, shelter, and water. So should I be like the animals — not worrying — for I know the Lord and the Source, the One who provides. The animals know nothing of God, yet they do not worry. But I am able to call upon the Creator of all things, the One who is sovereign over the universe.

He, whose glory is great and magnificent, will move mountains and seas just to reach me — to attend to my worries, to hear my voice, and to respond to my cries as a newborn calling out to a parent. Yet the animals of the field cannot do such a thing, and still they neither worry nor fear.

Oh, what a privilege it is to know that your Father is the Creator of the universe, that you bear His reflection, and that His love for you will forever last.

“Let us now praise God”

- Mandale Powell

+OUR SAVIOR+

“26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”

- Matthew 6:26

+FATHER ON SUNDAY+

“Who is this, in which a man shall visit his Father on Sunday? I say to you, it is this man who has two fathers. Though he may say he loves the one, he spends most of his time with the other.”

Is it not this man who consumes the word of his Father, who honors Him with his lips and rests in Him with his mind? I say to you, if the things that one takes to heart in the world do not glorify God, then they have committed their time and attention to the prince and father of this world.

Is it not this man who will only see his true Father on Sunday, who honors Him with his lips and whispers to Him loving words, but tomorrow will not rest in Him, as though that day could not have been any shorter?

Is it not the same man who learns the wisdom of his father who is the prince of this world? He is one who has baptized his thoughts and understanding in darkness. He has spent time learning his father’s ways. He carries wisdom in the age of enlightenment, philosophical beliefs, gender identity, cultural transformation, woke acceptance, New Age religion, sexual identity acceptance, current events, entertainment pop culture, social normalization, worldly ethics, scientific evolutionism, Darwinism, Freudian theories, and their generational transformations — atheism and the belief in extraterrestrial beings.

Yet it is he who does not know one scripture nor what it means. Is it not he who believes in extraterrestrial beings whom he has never seen, yet believes they exist, but has not believed in his Father who gave him life?

> Who is this, that a man should visit his Father on Sunday, who honors Him with his lips, but whose other father — the one he loves most — has seen more of his face?
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> I say to you, it might be you whom I speak of. You embrace the world of your father, and it is never God whom you truly seek.

- Mandale Powell

+FATHER ON SUNDAY+

“10 This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God’s child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.”

- 1 John 3:10

+THE WICKED ONE+

“What is in thy heart, for one who has not changed? It is I who say I love the Lord, yet I am married to my wicked ways. Do I truly love the Lord, as many confess to say? Or are the words from my lips meant to deceive Him in this way? I believe that if I speak these words, He will believe them this day, in hopes of saving my soul from the fiery furnace on judgment day.”

How can one fool the all-seeing God? Is it not in my mind that He cannot see everything and all? What is in thy heart, for one who has not changed? I say I love the Lord, yet I am married to my wicked ways.

I know! I will say to Him that I promise one day I will change and repent of my sins and turn from my evil ways. I will hope He will believe the words that I say, in hopes He will give me more time to live on this day. But deep within my heart, do I truly believe what I say? Or is this again another empty promise to buy myself more time from judgment day?

I know! I will worship You with my lips, and I will stand in Your church with my presence like a surprise gift. I will say to Thee, “Look, here I am — can You see me now?” I will head to the altar and ask forgiveness for my sins and make a vow. It is I who believes in You, in Jesus’ name, our Lord and Savior who saved me from my evil prowl during my sinful days — and I don’t even know how.

It is I who say I love the Lord, yet still married to my wicked ways. But now I shall say to You that I will read Your Scriptures every day. I will show You that my heart is Yours, and I will turn from the transgressions that evil adores. I will praise and worship You every single day. I will preach Your name to all who do not know Your ways. I will confess that You are the Ruler and the Almighty King who reigns

> But it is I who say I love the Lord every single day, yet I am still married to my wickedness and my evil ways. Now, all that You have seen and all that I have done — my wickedness has consumed me, and my transgression has burned like the sun. I say to You with my lips, but I turn from You in my ways. And now Your patience has run low, and it is now that You have spoken this day.

And these are the final words You have spoken:

God:

"You say to Me with your lips that you love Me, but your heart has not spoken truth. You remind Me of your father Lucifer, who was cast from Heaven and removed. It was he who was like a serpent in all his ways — quiet and graceful, yet deceitful to his prey. Cunning in his words, causing one to believe that his mind has your best interest — but that is a lie deeper than the seas.

You remind Me of your father Lucifer, who was cast out of Heaven as you can see. You have the cunning wisdom of darkness to deceive those who believe. You have worshiped Me with your words, but you have slain Me with your heart. You praise and worship Me, but your wicked ways have pulled us apart.

The whispers of your love for Me are like silk — soft, delightful, and tantalizing — yet they carry the venom that causes one's insides to fall apart. You remind Me of your father Lucifer, who was cast from the outer mist of Heaven that day, for he was like you — cast out forever from the Holy One who reigns.

“I say to you who carries the darkness of your father’s ways: Depart from Me and your wicked ways. I never knew you, nor heard of you, nor created such evil ways. It is you who carries the spirit of darkness, as the one who did from the beginning of days. A son of darkness is where you are from. Now go, and forever be cast into darkness with your father, the deceitful one.”

- Mandale Powell

+THE WICKED ONE+

“If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all[b] sin.”

- 1 John 1:6-7

+UNSHAKEABLE FAITH+

Deep in my heart I believe the Almighty God will protect me, and I pray and worship every day because I know He leads my way. I sing and praise His holy name, for He shields me from the enemy's aim, and nothing in this world can conquer me as I am delivered by the King who reigns. I boast His name and glorify His reign, for nothing can stand against us when we walk with the Almighty King. We dance and shout and praise His name, for He gives us courage to face anything evil brings. No problem in this world can break our stand, for in God we trust by His mighty hand; do not fear life nor the tests you see, for God is with us in every degree. He is crowned King, and we shall stand against the world, for no weapon formed in this realm shall reign. Yet with all the lion-strength I spoke, I know the serpent will one day test what I boast. Troubles have rained and covered me to the top of my head — will I stand in faith or wish I were dead; will I choke and panic when nightmares spread? All that I preached seemed genuine and true, but now dark days whisper, "Is your God still with you?" Terror approaches like a vow, seeking my right hand to shake me now — to tremble my faith, loosen my stand, and weaken my grip from the Father's hand. Satan appears again and again, sending his treacherous ones to seek my end, yet all that I said and all that I preached and all my worship to the God I seek reminds me to stand firm and refuse to break, for God has said that to walk with Him, this is what it will take. It is He whom I seek, who will not lose His unshakable faith.

— Mandale Powell

+UNSHAKEABLE FAITH+

“3 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.”

— 2 Thessalonians 3:3

+GOD OF PATIENCE+

“I am grateful for all that God has done for me, for in the depths of my heart I know I am not worthy of His glory, His patience, or His love that has covered me. When my eyes lived in darkness and I could not see Him, it was He who still loved me and protected me. When my body committed sins that all of Heaven saw and rejected, it was He who still loved me and protected me. When my mind did not know Him nor understand His love for me, it was He who still protected me. When my heart lusted after the things of the world, it was He who still loved me and protected me. I know it was He who hurt and longed, saying, “When will his eyes no longer be darkened and finally see Me and the love I have for him?” Patiently He waited through all my transgressions and rebellion, seeing my heart and knowing that I could one day fall in love with Him, knowing it was darkness that prevented me from seeing His light. As He would say, “I will wait for him, and when he finally calls My name, I will rush swiftly, for he is My child whom I will forever love — and maybe this time he will remain in My sight.” As He waited for me day and night, I would go to sleep without thinking of Him or His presence, yet He sat by my bedside watching over me so that no evil would take me from His sight. As He watched me fall asleep, He continued to love me as He wept, saying, “When will his eyes no longer be darkened and finally see that it is I who has loved him forever? When will his eyes be able to see Me and My glory that has always been with him?”

“For though He has a kingdom and a throne, it is I who mean more to Him than all that He owns.”

- Mandale Powell

+GOD OF PATIENCE+

“9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

- 2 Peter 3:9

+LOVE FOR GOD+

Deep in my heart I am grateful for all that God has done for me, for I know I am not worthy of His glory, nor of His patience and love that continually covers me. If His mighty hand had never covered me, I would have been lost, for it is His strength that gives me life and His love that keeps me warm. I no longer desire anything greater than His presence, for my heart no longer longs for the things of the world as it once did, when lust fed my soul and never ceased but only increased. My heart once fed on the treasures of the world, longing and pondering after them day and night, but now I have replaced those desires with Him. My mind is absent from the treasures of the world, for I now know that the greatest treasure is God Himself.

"Praise the Almighty and His holiness — I shall forever dwell in His truth."

- Mandale Powell

+LOVE FOR GOD+

> 25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. 27 Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you. 28 But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.
>
> - Psalm 73:25-28

+KNOWLEDGE & TRUTH+

“In search of truth, wisdom, and knowledge in spiritual understanding, a man who desired such a precious gift climbed to the highest mountaintop seeking to speak with God. He asked, “O Father, I seek the glory of Your wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of all Your ways, so that I may walk the earth in Your image and likeness.” God responded, “If it is knowledge, wisdom, and understanding you seek, then knowledge and wisdom you may have.” A lightning bolt appeared, and a book fell from the sky — it was the Bible. The next day the man returned and asked once more of the Father, “O Father, I seek the glory of Your wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. Please show me the ways to be a better steward of my own possessions and the resources You have blessed me with. Grant me this gift of knowledge and wisdom so that I may be among the few who seek for the gift of managing resource.” God responded, “If it is knowledge, wisdom, and understanding you seek for the gift of resource management, so that you may lay at My right hand in trust and be in all My ways — that I may say this is a man who is a wise steward after My own possessions — then knowledge, wisdom, and understanding you may have.” A lightning bolt appeared, and again a book fell from the sky — the book again was the Bible. On the following day the man climbed the mountain once more, seeking wisdom, knowledge, and understanding for building a healthy relationship in marriage, hoping this time for a supernatural request that would allow him to leave the mountaintop knowing all that there is to know. As he reached the top he said, “O Father, I seek the glory of Your wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of all Your ways, so that I may walk the earth in Your image and likeness.”

“Please plant Your seed in my heart so that I may leave this mountain knowing all the ways of understanding the steps to building a healthy relationship in marriage.” God responded, “If it is knowledge, wisdom, and understanding you seek, then knowledge and wisdom you may have.” A lightning bolt appeared, and a book fell from the sky — the book again was the Bible, this time highlighting Scripture for building a healthy relationship in marriage. The man was confused and said to the Father, “I have reached the mountaintop in search of truth and light, to possess understanding as You do — why have You given me the Scriptures continuously?” And God said, “All truth and all wisdom come through the hearing and understanding of My Word. For a wise man takes heed to the Father’s Word, which is eternal and the source of all understanding. Blessed is the one who follows it.”

- Mandale Powell

+KNOWLEDGE & TRUTH+

“1 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,
2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—
3 indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, 4 and
if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, 5
then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of
God. 6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and
understanding.”

Proverbs 2:1-6

+WORLDLY PROVISION+

“Let there not be anything that stands in the middle, for the Lord alone knows the things that are good and the things that are evil. For a man’s life is only one or the other, and nothing in between, for no man can say he does not choose. And on the day he does not choose good, he has surely chosen evil in the eyes of the Lord.”

For this reason, throughout his days he does no good in the sight of the Lord who lives in heaven. So let the world be his lord, for in their reprobate mind he is righteous in their eyes. Let them build their heavens for him, and let him dwell therein and give him everlasting life. Let them provide for his needs and his health — for when he is sick, let them heal him; when he is poor, let them cover him; and when he hungers, let them provide for him.

Surely I tell you, the world will indeed tell him to provide for himself, for he believed the world loved him, but it was Satan all along. It is he who caused one to be deceived by the evil one.

Yet now you knock on heaven’s door, but there is no answer. You cry out to God, but the devil answers. You chose the world, and it has become your hell, for nothing good lives there without the presence of the Lord.

Now you see that you must choose whom you will serve in this life. For the world will never show what true love looks like more than our Lord who lives in heaven.

Repent and turn from thy ways.

Amen.

- Mandale Powell

+WORLDLY PROVISION+

> 42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. 43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
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> - John 8:42-44

+GOD'S PEOPLE+

Understand this, my brothers and sisters, so you may know the ways of the Lord. Let it be the day that you raise a herd of sheep, and they are more beautiful and precious than what your eyes can contain. You provide for all their needs, and you are the one who gives them nourishment, guidance, and safety indeed. You provide for their life by giving them water and leading them to good pasture.

But there will come a day when this herd will reject what you have provided. These sheep, whom you cared for through every season, have now grown wise in their own eyes. They reject you and the water — the life — that you have given, believing they can wander without you. They believe that life is far better than what you offer for their survival and welfare. This herd has abandoned your love and your care.

These sheep dwell with a mind of their own self-sufficiency, yet you, who hold absolute supreme wisdom, know there can be no such thing. You know these sheep cannot survive without your support, for you are the one who brought them into your fold. This herd will soon weaken and perish if it continues to reject your water that gives life and your care that provides safety.

Without you, their wool will grow thin, their strength will fade, and the predators of the field will soon tear at their flesh and scatter their flock. You continue to tend to them without abandoning your care, and you continue to provide for their essential needs — but they reject everything you give in order to live. You cry and weep as you watch them slowly fall into demise. The herd that was once strong and beautiful has now withered away because it believed it was wise in its own eyes. "*Like God and His People."*

- Mandale Powell

+GOD'S PEOPLE+

“5 So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals.”

- Ezekiel 34:5

+WAYS OF GOD+

“God is love, and indeed this is absolutely true. But do not forget, my friend, that God is also lawful, for one nature of God cannot exist without the other. If He possessed only love and not righteous law, we would live in a world of complete injustice. He cannot have a nature of righteous wrath without also possessing a nature of righteous love, nor can He have only love without wrath. For if God loved wickedness, then the slaughter of infants would be cherished, rapists would be adored, murderers ignored, thieves celebrated, and harlots displaying their nakedness in the open would be honored.”

So do not feed the ears of the people with the idea that “God is love” and that this alone is all they must understand. God is law as well, and this too must be proclaimed, for this also is God. Let no man distort the nature of God by shaping Him according to their own preferences rather than according to truth.

Who is man that he loves his nation, obeys its laws, and strives to be a model citizen — knowing that if he violates the laws of his nation, he will face severe punishment under its authority? How much more, my brothers and sisters, is God no different under the body of laws in His kingdom?

How can you transgress the laws of your nation and expect punishment, yet break the laws of God and expect none? When you break the laws of your nation, you say, “I deserve punishment.” But when you break the laws of God and He demands judgment, you accuse Him of being unloving.

> Why do you follow the laws of your nation more faithfully than the laws of God? Who is it that you truly serve? Where are your moral values rooted — in the moral laws of the world or in the kingdom laws of God?
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> In the eyes of the world, you may appear good, but in the eyes of God, you are far from it. Your ways may look righteous to the world, but it is the world that defines righteousness for you — and it is the world you follow.

- Mandale Powell

+WAYS OF GOD+

“22 For the Lord is our judge,
the Lord is our lawgiver,
the Lord is our king;
it is he who will save us.”

— Isaiah 33:22

+ONE WITHOUT FAITH +

“For one to have faith in God, they must be like a child who believes anything their father tells them. Although this is easy to say, it is hard to obtain. The comfort and desire of one’s self-sufficiency must be broken — and this too is hard.”

If I tell you that I will toss you into the depths of the deepest part of the ocean, and you are wearing a life guard because you cannot swim, I believe you would feel secure, safe, and in control. This is how a person feels who has confidence in the world and in their own will.

But for one to have faith in God, it looks very different. If I tell you that I will toss you into the depths of the deepest part of the ocean, and you are not wearing a life guard, and you cannot swim, I believe you would fight me to the death — because you are no longer safe, and you are no longer in control. And I say to you, my brother: this time you must have faith in God.

This is what faith in God truly looks like — the depths of the ocean, and a child-like trust that believes anything their Father in Heaven tells them.

Now ask yourself: *Do you really have faith in God?*

- Mandale Powell

+ONE WITHOUT FAITH+

“ 5 This is what the Lord says: ”

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,

who draws strength from mere flesh

and whose heart turns away from the Lord.”

- Jeremiah 17:5

+THE DEVILS NET +

> Living this life without God is impossible, yet you believe this to be far from the truth. I say, do not be so naïve, for the Devil himself has you deceived. You are struck by his greatest illusion, spreading faster than the worst disease. He has you hypnotized, making you believe you are safe indeed.
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> You think the life you are experiencing is absolutely fine. You are living in total chaos, but to you these are just normal times. The Devil has done well with you — hypnotized, unable to see Truth. You're like a fish caught in a net, not knowing what is at the top that awaits you next.
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> Living this life without God is impossible, yet you believe this to be far from the truth. I say again, do not be so naïve, for He is the only way to see Truth.

- Mandale Powell

+THE DEVILS NET+

“4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

- 2 Corinthians 4:4

+CREATOR OF THINGS+

“The world has made a scientific breakthrough and discovered life existing outside of Earth, and mankind has long awaited this day. Man has been in search of a better explanation for life — one that does not involve the hands of God. Man has developed many theories about how life began, but these have produced nothing but confusion.

As man continued their discovery of these terrestrial life forms, it appeared these beings from another galaxy were able to communicate with them. They were told by the extraterrestrials that they have been watching us for a very long time, and we never knew.

We asked the Martians the one question we believed would finally solve the mystery of life for our basic understanding — since the Bible, according to man, did not do a “good job” of explaining extraterrestrial beings.

So we asked the extraterrestrial the big question:

“Who created you? How did life begin in your galaxy, with your species, with your kind?”

Shockingly, we did not expect the response that came from these Martians — beings from another galaxy, another species, another kind.

The Martians responded:

“Like the birds and the bees, and the sky that is blue, and like the galaxies and the ocean sand — God created us too.”

- Mandale Powell

+CREATOR OF THINGS+

“16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.”

- Colossians 1:16

+ONLY FAITH+

“Oh, if only I had known the Lord’s knowledge of faith before I knew the world’s knowledge of worry. It would have been a life of no concern, for it is the Lord who would have been all I knew. If I had known the knowledge of God’s righteousness before I learned the ways of the world’s wickedness, I would have been anchored in God’s glory and His presence much sooner. For who can experience the true glory of God and depart from Him who created all things known to the mind of man? I say it is a privilege to have a relationship with One of such majesty.”

- Mandale Powell

+ONLY FAITH+

“105 Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.”

- Psalm 119:105

+HIS RULERSHIP+

> Like an escape artist, God has once again released me from Satan's trap, and just like an audience, he is left stunned in disbelief — proven once more that the power of God's Kingdom and His rulership is forever sovereign.

- Mandale Powell

+HIS RULERSHIP+

“19 The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.”

- Psalm 103:19

+ABANDOND FORTUNE+

> I will not hold hostage the hearts of man, for anyone who hears the words of God's Truth and walks away. They are like a man who abandons his own fortune and treasure and leaves it behind.

- Mandale Powell

+ABANDOND FORTUNE+

“10 Choose my instruction instead of silver,
knowledge rather than choice gold,
11 for wisdom is more precious than rubies,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.”

- Proverbs 8:10-11

+ONE WHO KNOWS GOD+

“Like a husband who knows his wife — what brings her joy, what makes her sad, what would cause her pain, and what could make her angry — so also should he consider how he treats her to make her feel good, and how he may be treating her in ways that make her feel bad. These are all examples of the emotions of a person whose love for you is meant to last. Now understand: God has these same relational expectations, and it is He who is your Father. So build a better relationship with Him, and never again be the one who causes Him grief or sorrow.”

- Mandale Powell

+ONE WHO KNOWS GOD+

“29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

- Ephesians 4:29-32

+PLANS OF GOD+

“Lord, Your plan is far greater than mine, for You see what is near and You see what is to come. But I cannot see these things, for I am blind in faith and blind in insight; I myself am not able to see what is near or what is ahead. Yet let a fool be a fool — one who says, “I can see,” while he is deceived in his own eyes; one who says, “I can hear,” while he is deceived in his own mind. This is the man who thinks he is You, who believes he can get ahead without You. He carries the same wisdom as a hollow tree — thick, empty, and without understanding. Truly I tell you, by this foolish saying, you can see just how deeply he is deceived.”

- Mandale Powell

+PLANS OF GOD+

“5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.
7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord and shun evil.”

- Proverbs 3:5–7

+ONE WHO CLEVES+

“Let it be them who cleave to God as a child cleaves to their earthly parents. When a child awakes, they seek the face of their parents — and so it should be with the Lord, who created you and placed you where you stand. Be like the infant who longs for their father and mother, who has no desire for anything that would replace the one who cares for them.”

Why would you seek something to replace God, when it is He who gives life — even now, and from the first moment your eyes opened? Who would say at birth, “I no longer need my mother’s milk,” when even a cub knows this is impossible for survival, for they rely on their source to make it through.

How can anyone say, “I don’t need God”? This thinking is far more dangerous than a child abandoned by their parents and left on the side of the road, without remorse, without comfort, without even the smallest inch of the rod to guide them.

Does an infant reject its parents? Does a young child not consider such abandonment their worst nightmare, filling them with terror? How much less safe is the one who believes they do not need God in their life, holding to that belief with confidence? If you truly believe this, then your mind is less than that of a child — for even a child has enough sense to know such thinking is unwise, unfounded, and utterly irrational.

- Mandale Powell

+ONE WHO CLEVES+

“9 Yet you brought me out of the womb;
you made me trust in you, even at my mother’s breast.
10 From birth I was cast on you;
from my mother’s womb you have been my God.”

- Psalm 22:9-10

Whispers

of

Faith

+Whispers of Faith+

(Poem #1)

Stay in the presence of the light of the Lord — not because of what He does, but because of who He is. Is it not so that even nature does not resist or run from the light of the sun? Even nature knows it needs the sun in order to survive. Truly I tell you, nature understands that light is the source of life, just as the Lord our God is our source as well.

(Poem #2)

I say to you, my brethren, do not count your wants more than you count your haves, for it is the Lord who gives to you and the Lord who takes away. Do not tarry after your wants and forget that it is He who has already fulfilled your haves.

(Poem #3)

A flower grows in water just as man grows in God. With this understanding, one must know that this is the only way a flower can ever feel complete. It is not money, nor cars, nor the illustrious lifestyle one imagines beyond the stars. A flower is made to need water in order to grow and be whole. Man was designed to need God.

(Poem #4)

God loves all His sheep. Even those who despise Him still receive His provision — to be fed, to be healed, and to have shelter. Yet these same sheep, if no repentance is found, will be cast out of His presence into darkness on the day of judgment.

(Poem #5)

Many are the likeness of man whose hearts burn with rage toward the one who preaches the things of God, as if this messenger were the author of God's words and spoke from himself. Do not waste your time arguing or debating against this messenger, for he is not the author of the message you so hate.

(Poem #6)

Although God does not respond to sin swiftly — for He gives grace, and He is a God of patience — your unrepented sins have not gone unnoticed, nor has God turned a blind eye toward wickedness. You believe that His lack of response means He agrees with the sins you commit. Do not confuse God's silence with His approval.

(Poem #7)

Many shall say with their lips that they need proof that God exists. Let this be your proof, understood without doubt:

If our Lord in Heaven were to remove His divine hand from all things — including you — Satan would surely take your life with haste before the end of the night, even more eagerly than you desire to keep it. But if you are hearing this, it is because God has never allowed Satan to do so. For God's grace and mercy rest upon your shoulders undeservingly.

(Poem #8)

How do you know when you have truly changed as a Christian?

When keeping the laws of God becomes a delight and not a burden.

(Poem #9)

Many in the world have hearts that burn to pursue wealth, cars, mansions, careers, relationships, fame, and ambition. Their spirits carry a heavy burden as they strive to obtain these things. But to you who desire to be children of God, I compel you: choose Christ above all these things. Let the things of this world be their god, for they cannot find rest without them, and their hunger for such things is never satisfied. God will never allow the things of this world to satisfy man outside of God Himself.

(Poem #10)

Many of you come to be present in the house of the Lord out of tradition and routine, but your hearts are not prepared, nor is your spirit convicted when you stand in His presence. A heart of repentance and conviction is how you truly find God. God takes no honor in your weekly church attendance or your membership, but God takes honor in a repentant heart.

(Poem #11)

Everyone says they love Me, but if you love Me, you would keep My commands. Does not a child obey his earthly father? Does not a handmaid obey her master? Does not a servant obey their king? So why is it that you have not obeyed Me? For I have given you life, I have given you shelter, I have given you grace, and I have given you love, yet you still do not obey or do the things I love most — to repent and to separate yourself from the sins of this world.

(Poem #12)

Many will love a God who can deliver them from their circumstances — but they do not love a God they must obey.

(Poem #13)

Do you enjoy the company of *sin*? I find that he is no stranger to you. Satan tells me you spend more time with him than you spend with God.

(Poem #14)

Everyone says they love Me, but if you love Me, you would keep My commands. Does not a child obey his earthly father? Does not a handmaid obey her master? Does not a servant obey their king? So why is it that you have not obeyed Me? For I have given you life, I have given you shelter, I have given you grace, and I have given you love, yet you still do not obey or do the things I love most — to repent and to separate yourself from the sins of this world.

(Poem #15)

You prevail upon me to prosper for Your glory, and it is the work of my hands that You sustain, for in my own will all of it is vanity. You are the Author of life, the One who causes the sun to rise and the moon to withdraw, who changes the seasons according to the desires of Your heart and in their appointed time. You bring forth life and You call in death at its appointed hour by Your will. You make the rich and You make the poor. Who am I to believe I have control over my own season or my own wealth? I once believed I had inherent control over my fate and the things of this world, but You are the God who gives and who takes. I see now that I have chased after air instead of chasing after Truth, for the riches of this world perish at death—who can take them with him? The greatest inheritance a man can gain is the God of Heaven, who is God of this world and all things. He is the greatest gift to all mankind, to all who choose to receive Him. For the prudent man desires the things of this world, but the wise man desires the presence of God.

(Poem #16)

The word of God speaks to the spirit, and it is your spirit that becomes disturbed when you hear the word of the Lord. It is the spirit that is offended when God's word exposes sin, and it is the word of God that draws one's spirit to Christ. Because God's word is spirit and divine, your spirit responds to the Creator, the Author of life who formed all creation—just as the sea departs when He speaks and returns when He commands, and just as He made the heavens and the earth. When His word speaks to one's spirit, it speaks with authority and command, yet it is the spirit itself that reveals whether one is a child of another father, who is Satan, for God's sheep know His voice and when He speaks, they come; but when God speaks, you reveal who you truly belong to. It is your spirit that will dwell in eternity on the Day of Judgment according to the word of God, for the word of the Lord is His truth and the authority of life.

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